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SUBJECT: PEOPLE'S ANTI-STARVATION MOVEMENT BEGINS ORGANIZING
IN MR-1

FOLLOWING SENT ACTION AMEMBASSY SAIGON FROM DANANG 05 NOV 74
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QUOTE

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1. THE PEOPLE'S ANTI-STARVATION MOVEMENT ("CUU DOI") WAS OFFICIALLY
ORGANIZED IN MR-1 ON OCT 12 WHEN ITS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE WAS MADE
PUBLIC AT A CEREMONY AT BAO THANG PAGODA IN HOI AN. CON GEN EMPLOYEE
HAS LEARNED THAT PLANS ARE NOW BEING MADE TO INAUGURATE A
DA NANG CITY COMMITTEE OF THE MOVEMENT ON NOV 9.

2. QUANG NAM PROVINCE REPRESENTATIVE WAS INFORMED THAT THE
HOI AN CEREMONY REPRESENTS THE INAUGURATION OF A CENTRAL
ORGANIZATION FOR ALL OF MR-1, ALTHOUGH SEPARATE COMMITTEES
FOR EACH PROVINCE, AS WELL AS THE CITY OF DA NANG, WILL BE
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FORMED SUBSEQUENTLY. THICH NHU HUE OF HOI AN, A MEMBER OF

THE ADVISORY COMMISSION OF THE MOVEMENT FOR MR-1, TOLD QUANG NAM PROVINCE OFFICE REPRESENTATIVE THAT THE MOVEMENT'S RELATION TO CERTAIN POLITICAL GROUPS AND PARTIES WOULD BECOME CLEARER AS THE MOVEMENT GETS UNDERWAY AND THAT MORE CRITICISM OF PRESIDENT THIEU AND THE GOVERNMENT CAN BE EXPECTED. HE CITED, FOR EXAMPLE, THE ALLEGED CASE OF A WAREHOUSE IN THE SAIGON AREA IN WHICH THE GOVERNMENT SUPPOSEDLY HAS STORED 30,000 BAGS OF RICE WHICH IS BEING HELD BACK FROM THE MARKET. THE MOVEMENT, THICH NHU HUE STATED, WOULD CALL UPON THE GOVERNMENT TO EXPLAIN WHY THIS RICE CANNOT BE PUT ON SALE ON THE OPEN MARKET OR DISTRIBUTED TO THE POOR.

3. FOLLOWING THE HOI AN CEREMONY 600 NEEDY FAMILIES WERE DISTRIBUTED SIX KILOS OF RICE PER FAMILY AND THE MORE WEALTHY MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY WERE INVITED TO SUPPLEMENT THIS SOMEWHAT TOKEN DISTRIBUTION WITH MONEY AND RICE DONATIONS. THE MOVEMENT ALSO CLAIMS TO HAVE REQUESTED OVERSEAS BUDDHIST ORGANIZATIONS AND VOLAGS (UNSPECIFIED) TO JOIN IN THEIR "FIGHT AGAINST HUNGER" IN MR-1.

4. ORGANIZATION OF THE MOVEMENT, AS PRESENTED IN HOI AN, IS AS FOLLOWS:

ADVISORY COMMISSION:

VENERABLE THICH NHU HUE-HOI AN

VENERABLE THICH NHU VAN- HOI AN

MR PHAM PHU HUU-RED CROSS DIRECTOR, QUANG NAM

MRS PHAM THI CHAU LIEN- DANANG

MRS THAN TRONG PHUOC - DA NANG

DEPUTY PHAN XUAN HUY - DA NANG

DEPUTY TRAN NGOC GIAO-HUE

DEPUTY LE DINH DUYEN-QUANG NAM
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PROVINCE COUNCILMAN, MR LE HOAN-HUE

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

VENERABLE THICH LONG TRI-HOI AN CHAIRMAN

PROFESSOR NGUYEN VAN DIEN (FORMER

CHAIRMAN OF THE HUE PROV. COUN.) 1ST DEPUTY CHAIRMAN FOR INTERNAL
AFFAIRS

FATHER NGUYEN VAN BINH-HUE (ACTIVE IN
PACM) 2ND DEPUTY CHAIRMAN FOR
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

VENERABLE THICH THIEN HOIQUANG TRI 3RD DEPUTY CHAIRMAN FOR
PLANNING AND FINANCE

HUE UNIVERSITY STUDENT, DOAN NHUAN GENERAL SECRETARY

PROFESSOR PHAM SI LIEM-HUE DEPUTY GENERAL SECRETARY

PROFESSOR TRAN TRUNG CHANH-HUE CHIEF OF INFORMATION
PRESS SECTION

WRITER CAO NGUYEN VU-DA NANG DEPUTY CHIEF OF INFORMATION
AND PRESS SECTION

PROFESSOR NGUYEN KHOA DIEN-HUE CHIEF OF SURVEY AND
LIAISON SECTION

PROFESSOR VU KIM DONG - HUE DEPUTY CHIEF OF SURVEY
AND LISISON SECTION

COUNCIL PHAM VAN BA-DA NANG CHIEF TASKS SECTION

BUSINESSMEN PHAM VAN DAO-QNGAI CHIEF OF FINANCE AND
TREASURY SECTION

MR THAI NHU - DA NANG COMMISSIONER IN CHARGE OF
OPERATIONS, QUANG TRI PROV.
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PROFESSOR TRAN NHU CANH COMMISSIONER IN CHARGE OF
OPERATIONS, THUA THIEN/HUE

VENERABLE THICH TAM HY COMMISSIONER IN CHARGE OF
OPERATIONS, DA NANG

VENERABLE THICH THIEN TAI COMMISSIONER IN CHARGE OF
OPERATIONS, QUANG TIN

VENERABLE THICH NHU LUAN (HOI AN) COMMISSIONER IN CHARGE
OF OPERATIONS, QUANG NAM

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